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18. [REDACTED] Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called to learn if there was any truth to the Jack Anderson article in the paper today that the Soviets had conducted a military exercise which had as its theme a first strike on the United States.

[REDACTED] OCI, and I met with Slatinshek later in the day and [REDACTED] explained the kernel of truth involved in the article and the abundance of inaccurate information and conjecture that flowed therefrom.

19. [REDACTED] Mike Malanick, D/LOG, called to report that GSA had come through the back door to establish contact with the Agency in response to Representative James Hanley's (D., N. Y.) 22 April 1975 letter to GSA Administrator Arthur Sampson. I reviewed my session earlier in the day with Mr. Hanley and of my suggestion to Mr. Duckett, DDS&T, that Sampson be briefed which should handle the matter.

20. [REDACTED] Delivered to the offices of Senator John Sparkman (D., Ala.) and Representative Carl Albert (D., Okla.) [REDACTED]

21. [REDACTED] Delivered to Sandy Gilbert, Defense Subcommittee staff, House Appropriations Committee, for Charles Snodgrass, an advanced copy of the Director's statement for the up-coming briefing before the Subcommittee.

22. [REDACTED] Spoke with Jane Walters, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, who asked if I could give her the name of Ambassador Richard Helms' attorney. I suggested that since Mr. Helms now works for the State Department that she contact them and she said she would.

23. [REDACTED] Tom Smeeton, Minority Staff, House International Relations Committee, called. He said the Committee would be holding hearings shortly on the possibility of lifting Cuban trade restrictions. One of the considerations involved in this, he said, is the question of possible violations of human rights in Cuba. He asked for any assistance the Agency might be able to provide concerning this. I told him I would look into it and be back in touch.

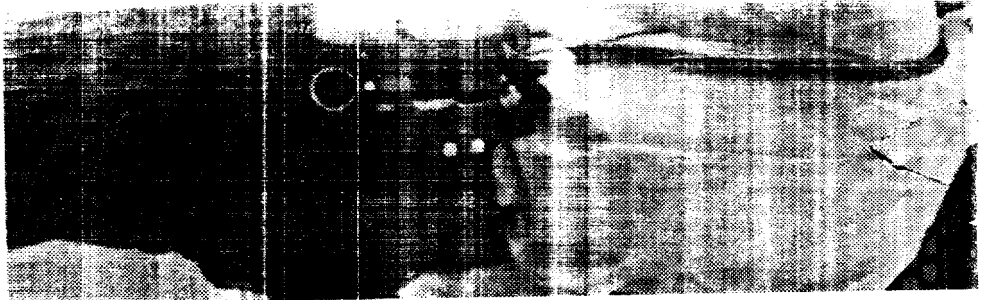
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walked to a nearby club
for radio and tele-
vision.
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The 10-member Senate con-
tingent led by Sen. Edmund
S. Muskie (D-Maine) and the
12-member House group head-
ed by Rep. Brock Adams (D-
Wash.) had already reached
unanimous agreement the day
before on a \$298.2 billion reve-
nue target for the federal gov-
ernment in fiscal 1976.

Yesterday they moved to
he brink of a final compro-
mise on total 1976 spending
for the federal government,
which is expected to be in the
vicinity of \$365 billion to \$368
billion, leaving a record per-
centage deficit of up to \$70 bil-
lion. But they stumbled over
whether to include about \$3
billion for job-creating public
works spending. The word
"counter-cyclical" was on
everyone's lips. They intend
to finish today.

Working methodically and
with some good humor, they
agreed to provide money in
full for scheduled Defense
Department civilian and mili-
tary pay raises instead of ad-
hering to pay-raise "caps" of 5
percent proposed by the Pres-
ident to throw out proposed
military and reconstruction
aid to Indochina as no longer
needed, and to budget \$90.7
billion for national defense
instead of the \$93.9 billion the
President wants.

Splitting differences, they
also agreed to cut some of the
extra postal subsidy and
postal construction money,
some of the extra housing
money and some of the rail
and subsidies proposed by one
of the other chambers.

But the important thing
wasn't what decisions were
made. It was the way the
two were made. The
conference, open to reporters
and the public, which is an
unusually open session, was
held in a room that was

and other staff aides, with re-
porters jamming the empty
chairs and standing along the
walls, the members were re-
laxed, joked among them-
selves and took off their coats
to work in shirtsleeves.

Each member had before
him tally sheets comparing
what the House and Senate
had voted overall and in each
of 17 categories like defense,
international affairs, agricul-
ture and income security. The
idea was to come up with a

second mildly unhappy about
abandoning the President's
proposed pay-raise "caps," but
House members like Adams,
James C. Wright Jr. (D-Tex.)
and Parren J. Mitchell (D-Md.)
reminded them that the House
had taken a roll call that man-
dated "no caps," and the Sen-
ate quickly agreed on the
point.

When the question of reve-
nues came up on the first day,
it seemed like a simple matter
to split the paltry \$400 million
Adams, in agreeing to

Fulbright Hits 'Deep Mistrust' of Congress U.S. Held Responsible for S

By Murray Martin
Washington Post Staff Writer

The United States is largely
responsible for the
essentially powerless and
"essentially irresponsible" con-
dition of the United Nations,
former Sen. J. W. Fulbright
said yesterday.

It cannot fairly be said that
the idea of an "effective inter-
national peacekeeping organi-
zation" was "a failure," Ful-
bright said, "because no seri-
ous effort was ever made to
implement it." The United
States had "deep mistrust" of
the concept, he said.

Appearing as a witness be-
fore the Senate Foreign Rela-
tions Committee, which he
headed for 15 years, Fulbright
said that now after the
"tragic consequences in South
East Asia" is the opportu-
nity to lead the original im-
plement of the United Nations.
The United States, he said,
should not "go off half-cocked
and act as if we are the only
ones who would order
the world to follow us."



J. W. FULBRIGHT
... "a true prophet"

In the second hour of the
committee's review of the
United Nations, Speakerman
Richard Nixon (R-Mo.)
in 1963 sponsored the
resolution affirming the
United States' commitment

the United States and to use them
as a guide in passing authori-
zations and appropriations,
Senate members avoided be-
ing too precise in working on
spending figures, saying it
wasn't their function to de-
bate every line item and
change in the entire bud-
get. But Rep. Robert N. Taft (R-
Ohio) and others
press for detailed language
prevent imposing the cap on
pay.
Adams, in agreeing to